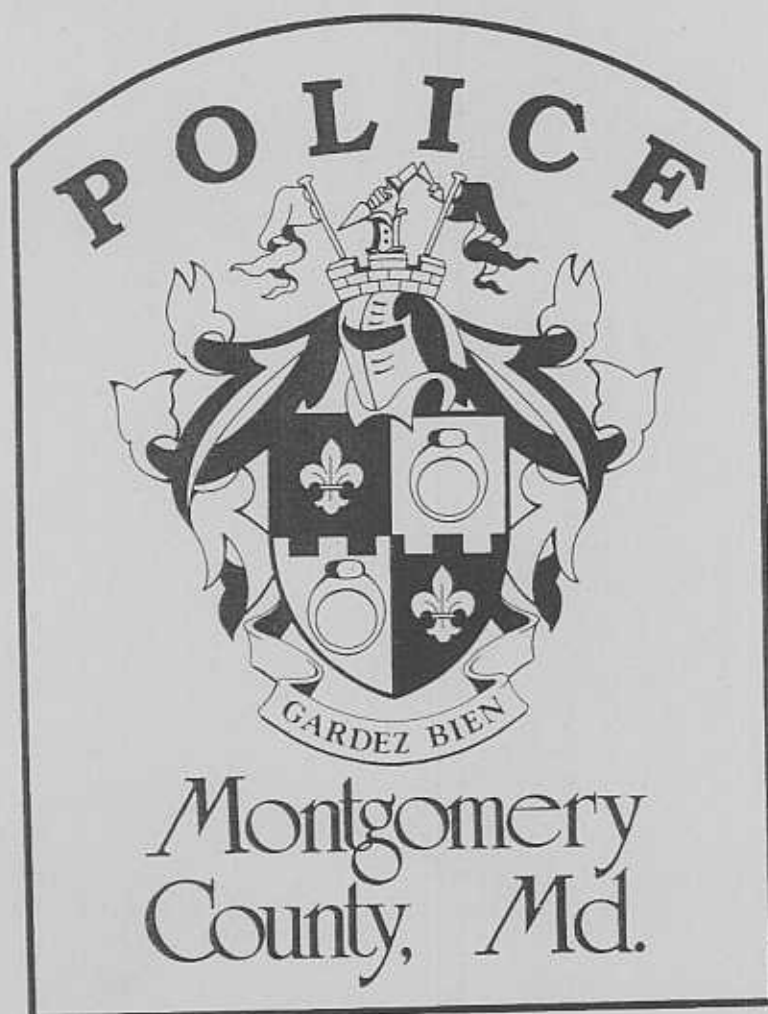


Montgomery County Department of Police



**Quarterly Crime Report
Year End 2002**



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Montgomery County Police Release Crime Statistics for 2002

Acting Montgomery County Chief of Police William C. O'Toole today announced a slight (0.2%) decrease in overall crime for the year 2002. Part I crimes increased by 6.4% and Part II crimes decreased by 4.3%.

Overall crime increased by 4.2% during the first six months of 2002, with a 3.0% increase during the third quarter and an 11.6% decrease during the fourth quarter of 2002, as compared to those same periods in 2001. Crime statistics for the first six months of 2002 were released in September of 2002.

For the third quarter of 2002 Part I crimes increased by 7.6% and Part II crimes increased by 0.1% as compared to the same period in 2001. Part I crimes in the fourth quarter of 2002 decreased by 6.3% and Part II crimes during the fourth quarter of 2002 decreased by 15.1% as compared to the same period in 2001.

The following information is from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics for the year 2002 when compared to the previous year:

Part I Crimes Increased by 6.4%.

Part I crimes are as follows:

- Murders increased 68.4% (from 19 to 32)
- Rape increased 15% (from 120 to 138)
- Robberies increased 7.2% (from 818 to 877)
- Aggravated Assaults increased 6.2% (827 to 878)
- Burglaries increased 9.5% ((from 3,539 to 3,874)
- Larcenies increased 3.7% (from 18,226 to 18,897)
- Auto Thefts increased 18.2% (from 3,150 to 3,722)

Part II Crimes decreased by 4.3%.

Part II crimes are defined as minor assaults, arson, forgery-counterfeiting, bad checks, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons offenses, prostitution, sex offenses, Controlled Dangerous Substance violations, gambling, family offenses, juvenile offenses, liquor law violations, disorderly conduct, suicide, and non-traffic offenses.

Total Crime decreased by 0.2%.

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An analysis of the 2002 year-end statistics includes the following information:

Homicides:

Nineteen of the 32 homicide victims (59%) were killed by a relative (9) or an acquaintance (10). The causative factors for the homicides were: domestic dispute (12), non-domestic dispute (1), drug-related (6), Sniper incident (6), mental illness (1), unknown cause (6). Twenty-six of the 32 cases were closed, for a closure rate of 81.3%.

Rapes:

Approximately 75% of the victims knew their attackers. In an additional 10% of the cases the victim willingly accompanied the suspect even though he was unknown to her. (Such situations could include accepting a ride from or leaving a bar with a stranger.) Adult victims accounted for 53% and juveniles for 47% of the rapes. Alcohol or drug use is known to be involved in 26.5% of the incidents. Eighty-two cases remain open (56%), while 44% of the cases were closed. Fifteen rapes reported in 2002 actually occurred during prior years. Forty-four percent of these cases were closed.

Robberies:

Approximately 66.7% of all robberies were street robberies. Thirty of the robberies were carjackings and 17 were bank robberies. Firearms were used or implied in approximately 33% of all robberies. Twenty-four point seven percent (24.7%) of these cases were closed.

Aggravated Assaults:

Twenty-nine point five percent (29.5%) of all aggravated assaults (259) were domestic in nature, excluding child abuse. Most such assaults are committed by someone known to the victim, by a relative, or an acquaintance. Fifty-eight point three percent (58.3%) of the cases were closed.

Burglaries:

The 9.5% overall rise in burglaries is attributed to commercial burglaries, which comprise 30% of the total, representing a 16% increase in 2002. Of the 3,874 burglaries, 2,546 (66%) were residential. Access was made through unsecured doors, windows, or garages in 1,161 (33%) of the residential burglaries.

Larcenies:

Vehicle-related thefts accounted for 49% of the overall larcenies in 2002; which showed a 15% increase over the previous year. Of the total vehicle-related thefts, 25% were from unsecured vehicles.

Auto Thefts:

There was an 18.2% rise in auto theft in 2002. Auto theft increased in every police district except the 6th District where there was an 8.1% decrease in 2002.

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Motor Vehicle Collisions:

A review of the Motor Vehicle Collisions Study Report for 2002 includes:

- The number of all motor vehicle collisions investigated by Montgomery County Police declined 5.5% from 13,435 in 2001 to 12,693 in 2002.
- The total number of fatal collisions increased 7.3% from 55 in 2001 to 59 in 2002; however, fatal alcohol-related collisions were down 53.3% from 15 in 2001 to 7 in 2002.
- The total number of collisions resulting in injury decreased 5.3% from 5,497 to 5,203; however, alcohol-related injury collisions increased 49.8% from 259 in 2001 to 388 in 2002.
- There were 65 fatalities from motor vehicle collisions in 2002. There were 62 fatalities from motor vehicle collisions in 2001.
- There were a total of 17 pedestrian fatalities in 2002 investigated by Montgomery County Police (There was one additional pedestrian fatality investigated by Maryland State Police within Montgomery County.) In 2001 there were 11 pedestrian fatalities investigated by Montgomery County Police. (There were 3 additional pedestrian fatalities investigated by Maryland State Police within Montgomery County.)

Acting Chief O'Toole was pleased to report the slight decrease in overall crime for the year 2002. He commented, "It is certainly still of concern to see that all of our Part I crimes increased, but it does put the statistics in better perspective when we note that 19 of the 32 homicide victims were killed by someone known to them, and an additional 6 homicides were attributed to the sniper incident. While reported rapes did increase, only 25% of assailants were unknown to their victims. A review of the Motor Vehicle Collision Study statistics confirms that we must continue our efforts to educate our community about the dangers of drinking and driving, and to reinforce the shared responsibility between pedestrians and drivers to reduce pedestrian fatalities.

Citizens proved their responsiveness in providing tips during the sniper incident, and we continue to endorse a solid partnership with the community in a unified effort to fight crime and reduce motor vehicle and pedestrian injuries and fatalities. We know that while crime can happen anywhere, Montgomery County is still a comparatively safe community and that our department is dedicated to continuing to reduce crime in our county and maintaining a proactive stance on crime and collision prevention efforts."

Note: A copy of the 2002 Crime Statistics is available at the Montgomery County Police website under the Crime Stats link on the Media Services/Press Release page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov (select "Departments" from the left-hand bar and then "Police" as the department choice). Or a copy can be picked up at the Montgomery County Police Headquarters, 2350 Research Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland.

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Comparison Study of Offenses January 1 - December 31, 2002 - 2001

	2002	2001		2002	2001	
	Monthly	Monthly	% Change	Year To Date	Year To Date	% Change
Murder	3	1	200.0%	32	19	68.4%
Forcible Rape	10	11	-9.1%	138	120	15.0%
Stranger	(6)	(1)		(37)	(24)	
Known	(4)	(10)		(101)	(96)	
Robbery	95	78	21.8%	877	818	7.2%
Commercial	(13)	(12)		(148)	(159)	
Non - Commercial	(82)	(66)		(729)	(659)	
Aggravated Assault	48	59	-18.6%	878	827	6.2%
Burglary	348	364	-4.4%	3,874	3,539	9.5%
Residence	(204)	(244)		(2,645)	(2,468)	
Commercial	(139)	(111)		(1,139)	(979)	
School	(5)	(9)		(90)	(92)	
Larceny	1,336	1,680	-20.5%	18,897	18,226	3.7%
Shoplifting	(220)	(272)		(2,652)	(2,581)	
Veh Related Theft	(542)	(754)		(9,103)	(7,932)	
From Buildings	(390)	(400)		(4,414)	(4,769)	
All Other Larcenies	(184)	(254)		(2,728)	(2,944)	
Auto Theft	285	250	14.0%	3,722	3,150	18.2%
Part I Total	2,125	2,443	-13.0%	28,418	26,699	6.4%
*Crime Against Persons	61	71	-14.1%	1,048	966	8.5%
*Crime Against Property	2,064	2,372	-13.0%	27,370	25,733	6.4%
Minor Assaults	394	437	-9.8%	5,219	5,845	-10.7%
Arson	9	21	-57.1%	175	168	4.2%
Vandalism	481	578	-16.8%	6,844	6,794	0.7%
Weapons	22	27	-18.5%	352	355	-0.8%
Narcotic Drug Laws	217	214	1.4%	2,813	3,453	-18.5%
Sale/Manufacture	(43)	(25)		(510)	(530)	
Possession/Use	(174)	(189)		(2,303)	(2,923)	
Family Offense	27	41	-34.1%	456	478	-4.6%
Juvenile Offense	136	125	8.8%	1,729	1,880	-8.0%
Disorderly Conduct	917	1,123	-18.3%	13,429	14,657	-8.4%
All Other Part II Offenses	843	882	-4.4%	11,278	10,560	6.8%
Part II Total	3,046	3,448	-11.7%	42,295	44,190	-4.3%
TOTAL CRIME	5,171	5,891	-12.2%	70,713	70,889	-0.2%
Assaults on Police Officer	27	32	-15.6%	374	366	2.2%

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Comparison Study of Arrests January 1 - December 31, 2002 - 2001

Year To Date Criminal Arrest	2002	2001	% + -
Murder	27	16	68.8%
Rape	59	57	3.5%
Robbery	326	259	25.9%
Aggravated Assault	397	399	-0.5%
Burglary	477	547	-12.8%
Larceny	2,003	1,932	3.7%
Auto Theft	481	481	0.0%
Part I Total	3,770	3,691	2.1%
Minor Assaults	1,035	1,172	-11.7%
Arson	10	25	-60.0%
Vandalism	152	186	-18.3%
Weapons	302	313	-3.5%
Narcotic Drug Laws	2,121	2,147	-1.2%
Family Offense	17	39	-56.4%
Juvenile Offense	52	68	-23.5%
Disorderly Conduct	185	182	1.6%
All Other Part II Offenses	3,609	3,973	-9.2%
Part II Total	7,483	8,105	-7.7%
TOTAL CRIME	11,253	11,796	-4.6%
*C/A/Persons	483	472	2.3%
*C/A/Property	3,287	3,219	2.1%

Criminal Arrests	2002	2001
Total Current Month	927	902
Total Year to Date	11,253	11,796
Male Current Month	757	751
Total Year to Date	9,199	9,700
Female Current Month	170	151
Total Year to Date	2,054	2,096
Under 18 Current Month	148	141
Total Under 18 YTD	1,865	1,982

Criminal Citations Issued	2002	2001
Total Current Month	300	393
Total Year to Date	4,253	4,662

Residents Arrests	2002	2001
Part I Classes	59.2%	56.2%
Robbery	68.8%	64.1%
Burglary	72.6%	68.0%
Auto Theft	54.8%	56.1%
Narcotics	76.2%	73.5%
Non-residents Arrests	2002	2001
Part I Classes	40.8%	43.8%
Robbery	31.2%	35.9%
Burglary	27.4%	32.0%
Auto Theft	45.2%	43.9%
Narcotics	23.8%	26.5%

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**PART I OFFENSES CLOSURE RATES COMPARISON STUDY
January 1 - December 31, 2002 - 2001**

PART I CLASSES		Monthly Offenses	Monthly Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate %	Year To Date Offenses	Year To Date Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate %
Murder	2002	3	*8	(266.7%)	32	26	(81.3%)
	2001	1	*3	(300.0%)	19	14	(73.7%)
Rape	2002	10	7	(70.0%)	138	72	(52.2%)
	2001	11	4	(36.4%)	120	79	(65.8%)
Robbery	2002	95	36	(37.9%)	877	217	(24.7%)
	2001	78	18	(23.1%)	818	214	(26.2%)
Aggravated Assault	2002	48	32	(66.7%)	878	512	(58.3%)
	2001	59	41	(69.5%)	827	486	(58.8%)
Burglary	2002	348	98	(28.2%)	3,874	680	(17.6%)
	2001	364	50	(13.7%)	3,539	626	(17.7%)
Larceny	2002	1,336	217	(16.2%)	18,897	2,863	(15.2%)
	2001	1,680	285	(17.0%)	18,226	2,922	(16.0%)
Auto Theft	2002	285	27	(9.5%)	3,722	406	(10.9%)
	2001	250	49	(19.6%)	3,150	450	(14.3%)
Total Part I	2002	2,125	425	(20.0%)	28,418	4,776	(16.8%)
	2001	2,443	450	(18.4%)	26,699	4,791	(17.9%)

* Reflects closure from previous months, for 2002 the October's Sniper cases were cleared in December by Exception.

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**Motor Vehicle Collisions Study Report
January 1 - December 31, 2002 - 2001**

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS HANDLED BY MCP	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year to Date	Monthly	Year to Date
Fatal Collisions	4	59	7	55
Alcohol Related Fatal Collisions	0	7	1	15
Injury Collisions	416	5,203	467	5,497
Alcohol Related Injury Collisions	29	388	28	259
Property Damage Collisions	669	7,431	681	7,883
Hit & Run Collisions	187	2,002	168	1,998
All Collisions	1,089	12,693	1,155	13,435

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS FATALITIES	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year To Date	Monthly	Year To Date
Operators	3	30	4	31
Passengers	0	13	2	17
Pedestrians	1	16	2	11
On Pedaleycles	0	1	0	0
On Motorcycles	0	5	0	3
All Victims	4	65	8	62

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS PERSONS INJURED	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year To Date	Monthly	Year To Date
Occupants (inc. Operator & Passenger)	587	6,910	623	7,624
Pedestrians	35	265	48	427
Pedalecyclists(bicycles)	2	54	0	68
Motorcyclists	1	103	2	118

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year To Date	Monthly	Year To Date
	278	3,274	372	3,497

TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year To Date	Monthly	Year To Date
	6,575	98,738	6,696	101,031

*The traffic citation total does not include the Driving Under the Influence citations

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CRIME
BY DISTRICT

December 1 - December 31, 2002 - 2001

	1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%
Murder	2	0	N/C	1	0	N/C	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Rape	3	0	N/C	1	1	0.0%	2	2	0.0%	1	3	-66.7%	4	2	100.0%	-1	3	-133.3%
Robbery	9	6	50.0%	8	6	33.3%	24	32	-25.0%	15	22	-31.8%	7	4	75.0%	32	8	300.0%
Agg. Assault	5	4	25.0%	6	6	0.0%	7	18	-61.1%	6	13	-53.8%	0	8	-25.0%	18	10	80.0%
Burglary	63	57	10.5%	41	70	-41.4%	74	72	2.8%	57	66	-13.6%	33	34	-2.9%	80	65	23.1%
Larceny	201	236	-14.8%	268	335	-20.0%	241	339	-28.9%	237	285	-16.8%	128	164	-22.0%	261	321	-18.7%
Auto Theft	32	25	28.0%	33	37	-10.8%	101	82	23.2%	54	55	-1.8%	24	19	26.3%	41	32	28.1%
Part I	315	328	-4.0%	358	455	-21.3%	449	545	-17.6%	370	444	-16.7%	202	231	-12.6%	431	440	-2.0%
Part II	550	576	-4.5%	317	398	-20.4%	654	692	-5.5%	556	670	-17.0%	381	417	-8.6%	586	695	-15.4%
Total Crime	865	904	-4.3%	675	853	-20.9%	1,103	1,237	-10.8%	926	1,114	-16.9%	583	648	-10.0%	1,019	1,135	-10.2%

January 1 - December 31, 2002 -2001

Cumulative

	1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%
Murder	3	3	0.0%	6	3	100.0%	8	6	33.3%	8	3	166.7%	4	1	300.0%	3	3	0.0%
Rape	15	13	15.4%	8	11	-27.3%	20	28	-28.6%	38	23	65.2%	19	21	-9.5%	38	24	58.3%
Robbery	84	106	-20.8%	71	84	-15.5%	281	255	14.1%	216	175	23.4%	55	54	1.9%	160	144	11.1%
Agg. Assault	97	87	11.5%	81	84	-3.6%	198	205	-3.4%	160	172	-7.0%	129	104	24.0%	213	175	21.7%
Burglary	713	628	35.0%	627	669	-6.3%	772	764	1.0%	627	613	2.3%	457	398	14.8%	678	567	19.6%
Larceny	2,867	2,837	1.1%	3,323	3,486	-4.7%	3,832	3,579	7.1%	3,254	3,081	5.6%	1,756	1,773	-1.0%	3,805	3,470	11.4%
Auto Theft	422	283	49.1%	384	374	5.3%	1341	1003	33.7%	732	623	17.5%	288	274	5.1%	545	593	-8.1%
Part I	4,201	3,857	8.9%	4,510	4,711	-4.3%	6,462	5,840	10.7%	5,035	4,690	7.4%	2,708	2,625	3.2%	5,502	4,976	10.5%
Part II	7,300	7,507	-2.8%	4,468	4,854	-8.0%	8,626	9,030	-4.5%	8,126	8,488	-4.3%	5,604	5,609	-0.1%	8,171	8,702	-6.1%
Total Crime	1,501	11,364	1.2%	8,978	9,565	-6.1%	15,088	14,870	1.5%	13,161	13,178	-0.1%	8,312	8,234	0.9%	13,073	13,672	-0.04%

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ARRESTS
BY DISTRICT

December 1 - December 31, 2002 - 2001

	1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%
Murder	1	0	N/C	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	3	1	200.0%
Rape	5	2	150.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	2	-100.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Robbery	8	7	14.3%	5	4	25.0%	14	6	133.3%	4	10	-60.0%	2	2	0.0%	5	4	25.0%
Agg. Assault	3	5	-40.0%	3	7	-57.1%	7	8	-22.2%	1	7	-85.7%	7	2	250.0%	11	4	175.0%
Burglary	17	11	54.5%	4	3	33.3%	7	6	16.7%	3	8	-62.5%	11	6	83.3%	5	5	0.0%
Larceny	48	34	35.3%	27	32	-15.0%	27	36	-25.0%	25	43	-41.9%	20	17	17.0%	25	20	25.0%
Auto Theft	3	5	-40.0%	0	2	-100.0%	0	6	-100.0%	0	7	-100.0%	3	9	-66.7%	0	2	-100.0%
Part I	83	64	29.7%	39	48	-18.8%	64	66	-3.0%	39	75	-48.0%	43	38	13.2%	49	37	32.4%
Part II	258	232	10.3%	51	35	45.7%	128	139	-9.4%	46	61	-24.6%	27	58	-53.4%	104	49	112.2%
Total Crime	339	286	14.5%	90	83	8.4%	190	205	-7.3%	85	136	-37.5%	70	96	-27.1%	153	80	77.9%

Cumulative

January 1 - December 31, 2002 - 2001

	1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%
Murder	11	7	57.1%	0	2	-100.0%	0	3	-100.0%	2	1	100.0%	2	2	0.0%	4	1	300.0%
Rape	25	24	4.2%	2	3	-33.3%	6	9	-33.3%	8	11	-27.3%	5	7	-28.6%	13	3	333.3%
Robbery	86	63	30.5%	11	22	-50.0%	97	70	38.6%	60	51	17.0%	28	24	16.7%	44	29	51.7%
Agg. Assault	93	69	34.0%	28	38	-26.3%	102	118	-13.6%	50	59	-15.3%	53	68	-22.1%	71	47	51.1%
Burglary	104	103	1.0%	49	60	-18.3%	107	124	-13.7%	84	94	-10.8%	71	107	-33.6%	62	59	5.1%
Larceny	468	366	27.3%	293	402	-27.1%	462	425	8.7%	289	318	-9.1%	184	192	-4.2%	309	228	34.9%
Auto Theft	70	103	-23.3%	33	38	-13.2%	148	107	38.3%	104	110	-5.5%	55	89	-20.3%	62	54	14.8%
Part I	864	735	17.6%	418	565	-26.4%	930	856	8.6%	597	644	-7.3%	398	469	-15.1%	565	422	33.9%
Part II	2,865	2,998	-4.4%	623	818	0.8%	1,503	1,688	-11.0%	803	875	-9.0%	782	1,081	-29.5%	927	745	24.4%
Total Crime	3,729	3,733	-0.1%	1,039	1,183	-12.2%	2,433	2,544	-4.4%	1,400	1,619	-13.5%	1,180	1,550	-25.2%	1,482	1,107	27.8%

Please note the elevated numbers are a result of Warrant Fugitive sections arrived by appointment at Rockville Station.



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